

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. James R. Jenkins on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James R. Jenkins is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for many years with the Clover Bottom Developmental Center ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins was raised in Donelson and graduated from Donelson High School. He attended Middle Tennessee State University and David Lipscomb College, graduating from David Lipscomb in 1973 while working full-time at Clover Bottom; and

WHEREAS, he served admirably in the Tennessee Air National Guard from 1955-1963; and

WHEREAS, employed at Clover Bottom since 1960, Mr. Jenkins first was employed as a Developmental Supervisor II, and was promoted to the position of Facilitator of Supported Living, the position he currently holds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins was the first non-medical professional appointed as a Division Director over clients who required total care. He was the catalyst in creating a "Developmental" model for the developmentally disabled clients who had formerly received only physical and medical care with no training or habilitative skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins selflessly labored to establish a workshop for clients, and was the first payroll officer to the clients for funds they had earned using their own individual skills; and

WHEREAS, he was a charter member of the Vocational Habilitative Board, established to aid in the transition of clients into the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, giving unreservedly of his time and numerous talents for the betterment of others; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, Jim Jenkins is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Shirley, and their two children, Jim, Jr. and Jackie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. James R. Jenkins our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.